

**DDSC Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 13, 2024**  
**Evans Park Community Center**  
**Attendance: 36**

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by President Allen Talbert at 10:15am.

**Reading/correction/approval of minutes**

Billy Bowman (John Padden) moved to have the minutes for the meeting on April 6, 2024 approved as read.

**Officers' Reports**

**President** - Allen Talbert's Agenda

A. Scholarship Application Form - Linda Lytle

Linda Lytle shared with us that her committee created a scholarship form. The maximum amount to be given to a student is \$500.

B. Volunteer to coordinate the DDSC Appreciation Day on June 3rd, 2024.

Lisa Jacobs and Mary Ann Richmond had volunteered to coordinate this event. Gerri Francini and Louis Lapides offered to help them out.

C. Reminder: If you want to attend the June Appreciation Day picnic, you must pay \$5 membership due.

D. Change meeting dates from Monday to Thursday and start at 1pm?

E. League of Women Voters and Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. Two presenters from these organizations will come to the Evans Park Community Center on August 12, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm to conduct a workshop on the voters' rights.

Martha Sheridan explained to us what to expect for this workshop, the presenters will share the current laws related to the voters' rights and will have a voting booth to demonstrate how it works.

Billy Bowman expressed his gratitude thanking Martha Sheridan for her work to coordinate this workshop. He attended the Deaf Expo at Delaware School for the Deaf on May 4, 2024. He saw the League of Women Voters and the voting booth. He was impressed with their work. We will be informed of the potential changes to some parts of the voting system which is currently being discussed in the Delaware legislature.

F. Kelli Adasko From DSD is looking for someone to assist with finding Deaf adults (currently working or retired) with different trades who will be willing to talk with the students about their job during their Career Day. Mary Ann Richmond volunteered to take care of this.

G. Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Conference- April 23-25, 2025 in Kansas City, MO. Website: [deafseniors.us/news](https://deafseniors.us/news)  
President Allen Talbert encouraged us to check the DSA website. He wanted to know if the members would like for us, the board, to share the DSA news with them or let them join DSA to receive news and announcements.

H. Diana and Dan Cowell sent a letter to DDSC to inform us that they are no longer taking care of Raisa and Angelika Bogdan. They are considering donating some of the remaining balance of \$2,100 from their fund to two organizations, DDSC and Jewish Family of Delaware.

I. DDSC Labor Day Picnic - Volunteer?

J. Liability Insurance for any events?

President Allen Talbert wanted to know if we should have liability insurance coverage to protect DDSC for any events hosted by DDSC.

Several members voiced the need for DDSC to have liability insurance to cover all events including the monthly meetings.

**Vice President** - Mark Alford

No report

**Treasurer** - Paul Haring Report (March and April)

Jeff Leach, Deaf Fest treasurer, went through the Deaf Fest budget report. The balance is \$6,519 after the revenues and expenses.

Barbara Simpson explained the \$300 given to the Mariners church was done to show our appreciation for their generosity to let us use their hall without charge.

Treasurer Paul Haring had two treasurer's reports, one for March 2024 and another one for April 2024. The treasurer reports were audited by Mike Childs and Robert Harrington.

The final net balance as of March 31, 2024 is \$12,772.19.

Billy (Nancy Caddell) moved to approve the treasurer's report for March 2024. Passed.

Starting with the report for April and following months, the report is going to be categorized by five separate funds: General Fund, Student Support Fund, Community Outreach Fund, Advocacy Fund, and Labor Day Picnic Fund. The final net balance as of April 30, 2024 is \$12,644.19.

Paul informed us he had created a budget report for the upcoming pickleball tournament. He had given them \$500 to cover various expenses to organize this tournament with the approval from the board.

Dennise Scott (Mike Childs) moved to approve the treasurer's report for April 2024. Passed.

**Secretary** - Mary Ann Richmond

No report

### **Standing/Special Committee's Report**

Workshop Coordinator Billy Bowman mentioned he has a committee

helping him with coordinating future workshops. Sherry Duhon and Fred Hartman will serve on this committee working with him.

### **Pickleball Tournament**

Sherry Duhon, chairperson for the 2024 Pickleball Tournament, informed us of the change in the plan. Instead of having one day of tournament, it will be a two day event. It will be on September 14 and 15, 2024. No rain date.

Dennise Scott will coordinate the selling of food and drinks. She needs volunteers. The proceeds will go to the general fund.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Billy Bowman (Louis Lapides) moved for future chairpersons of any events to submit how the proceeds will be used/distributed with the members and to have their approval. Passed.

Mark Alford (Margaret Buyas) moved to change our future meeting day and time to be held on Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. Passed.

### **Announcements**

Christina School District -Job Announcement

Teacher of the Deaf - Substitute Teacher

LOCATION: Delaware School for the Deaf

CLOSING DATE: May 5, 2024

Contact: CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Human Resources Office  
1899 S. College Avenue  
Newark, DE 19702  
PH: (302) 552-2600 FX: (302) 295-8922  
Website: [www.christinak12.org](http://www.christinak12.org)

Sussex County libraries are hosting a Children's Book Festival on Saturday May 18th at the Georgetown Public Library from 10am-2pm, Milton Public Library, 121 Union Street, Milton, DE 19968

DAD Meeting - June 1, 2024 at 8 am. It will be a Zoom meeting.

Barbara Simpson shared the information about the upcoming Dementia workshop hosted by the MD Deaf Community Center (MDCC) which will be conducted by a well known expert Dr. Jaime Wilson at Frederick Community College in Frederick, MD, on Saturday, May 18th, from 1-3pm.

Billy Bowman informed us that he learned there are two other Deaf Senior Citizens organizations in Delaware when he was at the Deaf Expo on May 4, 2024. One in Wilmington and Delaware Black Deaf Senior Citizens. We should work with them.

Mike Childs gave us the update for the DDSC 10 Year Anniversary event. It will be on October 16, 2025 on Thursday from 5-9 pm at Cripple Creek Country Clubhouse. The room he has reserved can hold up to 150 people. It will be for the members only.

Treasurer Paul Haring informed us that we have 60 paid members for this year, September 2023- August 2024.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37am.

## **50/50 Raffle**

The total amount is \$102. The raffle winner: John Padden He donated his winning ticket to DDSC.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Richmond,  
Secretary